



Docket No.: 42390P6764

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

NED M SMITH

Application No.: 09/397,455

Filed: September 16, 1999

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS TO ASSIGN
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully Petitions the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to October 19, 2004, from the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2004. The petition filing fee of \$980.00 and a Request for Continued Examination are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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Respectfully submitted,

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